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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/926,382  
Applicants: Takanobu SUGO, et al.  
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For: METAL-COLLECTING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR ELUTION AND RECOVERY OF  
METAL FROM METAL-COLLECTING MATERIAL  
Group Art Unit: 1724  
Examiner: HOPKINS, ROBERT A.

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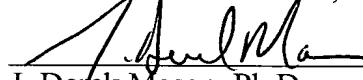
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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

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In response to the Official Action of December 31, 2003, Applicants elect, with  
traverse, Group II, Claims 9-17, drawn to a process for eluting and recovering a metal.

**Remarks** begin at page 2 of this paper.